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THE PARTICULARS OF AN Indian Treaty AT *CONESTOGOE*,

BETWEEN

His Excellency Sir WILLIAM KEITH, Bart. Governor of *Pennſylvania*, and the Deputies of the Five Nations.

Publiſhed

At the Requeſt of the GENTLEMEN who were preſent, and waited upon the Governor in His Journey.

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TO THE

READER

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Courteous Reader,

WE here preſent you with an exact Copy of the Proceedings of this Government, in a late Treaty with ſeveral Nations of Indians at Coneſtogoe, taken from the Minutes of the reſpective Councils, which were held on that Occaſion: And we hope this will be more generally acceptable to our Correſpondents, than any Abſtract that could be publiſhed in our Weekly Mercury.

The Indian Village of Coneſtogoe lies about Seventy Engliſh Miles Diſtance, almoſt direct-West of this City; and the Land thereabouts being exceeding Rich, it is now ſurrounded with divers fine Plantations, or Farms, where

they raiſe Quantities of Wheat, Barley, Flax *and* Hemp, *without the Help of any Dung.*

The Company who attended the Governor conſiſted of between Seventy and Eighty Horſe-Men, moſt of them well arm'd. And the Directions that had been given were ſo well obſerved, that great Plenty of all Sorts of Proviſions were every where provided both for Man and Horſe.

His Excellency the Governor's Care for the Publick Safety of this Colony plainly diſcovers it ſelf in his Management of Affairs with the Indians, *in General, as well as by his late toilſom Journey to and from* Virginia, *and* Coneſtogoe. *And the good People of this City and Province, from a juſt Senſe of the Happineſs they enjoy under the preſent Adminiſtration, embrace all Opportunities of expreſſing their Love and eſteem for the Governor, who, at his Return from* Coneſtogoe, *was waited upon at the Upper-Ferry of* Schulkill *River by the Mayor and Aldermen of this City with about Two Hundred Horſe. And after a Refreſhment of Wine and other cool Liquors, upon the* 11th *Inſtant about Sun-ſet His Excellency arrived in good Health at his own Houſe, to the univerſal Joy of our Inhabitants.*

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CONESTOGOE,

JULY 5th, 1721.

THE Governor arrived here this Day at Noon, and in the Evening went to Captain *Civility*'s Cabbin, where four Deputies of the Five Nations, and ſome few more of their People, came to ſee the Governor, who ſpake to them by an Interpreter to this Purpoſe, *viz.*

That this being the firſt Time that the Five Nations had thought fit to ſend any of their Chiefs to viſit him, he had come a great Way from home to bid them Welcome. That *he hop'd to be better acquainted, and hold a further Diſcourſe with them before he left the Place.*

They anſwered, That *they were come a long Way, on purpoſe to ſee the Governor and ſpeak with him.* That *they had heard much of him, and would have come before now, but that the Faults or Miſtakes committed by ſome of their Young Men, had made them aſhamed to ſhew their*

Faces: But now that they had ſeen the Governor's Face, they were well ſatisfied with their Journey, whether any thing elſe was done or not.

The Governor told them, That *to Morrow Morning he deſigned to ſpeak a few Words to his Brothers and Children, the* Indians *of* Coneſtogoe, *and their Friends upon* Saſquehannah; and deſired, That *the Deputies of the Five Nations might be preſent in Council, to hear what is ſaid to them.*

CONESTOGOE,

JULY, *the* 6th 1721.

PRESENT

The Honourable Sir WILLIAM KEITH, *Bart. Governor.*

Richard Hill, *Eſq;* } { Jonathan Dickinſon, *Eſq;*
Caleb Puſey, *Eſq;* } { *Col.* John French.

James Logan, *Eſq; Secretary.*

The Governor ſpoke to the Coneſtogoe Indians *as follows:*

My Brothers and Children,

SO ſoon as you ſent me Word, That your near Friends and Relations, the Chiefs of the Five

Five Nations, were come to viſit you, I made haſte, and am come up to ſee both you and them, and to aſſure all the *Indians* of the Continuance of my Love to them.

Your Old Acquaintance and True Friend, The Great *William Penn*, was a wiſe Man, and therefore he did not approve of Wars among the *Indians* whom he lov'd, becauſe it waſted and deſtroyed their People; but always recommended Peace to the *Indians*, as the ſureſt Way to make them rich and ſtrong, by encreaſing their Numbers.

Some of you can very well remember ſince *William Penn* and his Friends came firſt to ſettle amongſt you in this Country: It is but a few Years, and like as Yeſterday to an old Man; Nevertheleſs, by following that great Man's peaceable Counſels this Government is now become wealthy, and powerful of great Numbers of People. And though many of our Inhabitants are not accuſtom'd to War, and diſlike the Practice of Men's killing one another; yet you cannot but know, I am able to bring ſeveral Thouſands into the Field well armed, to defend both your People and ours from being hurt by any Enemy that durſt attempt to invade us.

However we do not forget what *William Penn* often told us, That the Experience of old Age, which is true Wiſdom, adviſes Peace; and I ſay to you, That the Wiſeſt Man is alſo the braveſt Man: For he ſafely depends

on his Wiſdom, and there is no true Courage without it.

I have ſo great a Love for you, *My dear Brothers*, who live under the Protection of this Government, that I cannot ſuffer you to be hurt, no more than I would my own Children. I am but juſt now returned from *Virginia*, where I wearied my ſelf in a long journey, both by Land and Water, only to make Peace for you my Children, that you may ſafely hunt in the Woods without Danger from *Virginia*, and the many *Indian* Nations that are at Peace with that Government. But the Governor of *Virginia* expects, that you will not hunt within the great Mountains, on the other ſide of *Potowmack* River, being it is a ſmall Tract of Land which he keeps for the *Virginia-Indians* to hunt in: And he promiſes, That his Indians ſhall not any more come on this Side *Potowmack*, or behind the great Mountains this Way, to diſturb your Hunting. And this is the Condition I have made for you, which I expect you will firmly keep, and not break it on any Conſideration whatſoever.

I deſire, that what I have now ſaid to you may be interpreted to the Chiefs of the Five Nations preſent: For as you are a Part of them, they are in like Manner one with us, as you your ſelves are; and therefore our Councils muſt agree, and be made known to one another: For our Hearts ſhould be open, that we

we may perfectly see into one anothers Breasts. And that your Friends may speak to me freely, tell them, I am willing to forget the Mistakes which some of their Young Men were Guilty of amongst our People. I hope they will grow wiser with Age, and hearken to the grave Counsels of their Old Men, whose Valour we esteem because they are wise; but the Rashness of their Young Men is altogether Folly.

At a Council held at

CONESTOGOE,

JULY, *the* 7th, 1721.

PRESENT

The Honourable Sir *William Keith*, Baronet, Governor,

Richard Hill, Esq; } { *Jonathan Dickinson*, Esq;
Caleb Pusey, Esq; } { Col. *John French*.

James Logan, Esq; Secretary.

With divers Gentlemen.

PRESENT ALSO

The

The Chiefs, or Deputies, ſent by the Five Nations to treat with this Government, *viz.*

Sinnekaes Nation,		*Onondagoes* Nation
Gheſaont,		*Tanawree*,
Awennoot,		*Skeetowas*,
Cayoogoes Nation		*Tehehughque*
Sahoode,		

Smith the *Ganaweſe-Indian*, Interpreter from the *Mingoe* Language to the *Delaware*; *John Cartlidge*, Eſq; and Mr. *James le Tort*, Interpreters from the *Delaware* into *Engliſh*.

Gheſaont *in the Name and on the Behalf of all the Five Nations, delivered himſelf in ſpeaking to the Governor, as follows*:

THEY were glad to ſee the Governor and his Council at this Place; for they had heard much of the Governor in their Towns before they came from Home, and now they find him to be what they had then heard of him, *viz.* Their Friend and Brother, and the ſame as if *William Penn* were ſtill amongſt them.

They aſſure the Governor and Council, That they had not forgot *William Penn*'s Treaties with them; and that his Advice to them was ſtill freſh in their Memories.

Though they cannot write, yet they retain every thing ſaid in their Councils with all the

the Nations they treat with, and preſerve it as carefully in their Memories, as if it was committed in our Method to Writing.

They complain, That our Traders carrying Goods and Liquors up *Saſquehannah* River, ſometimes meet wth their young People going out to War, and treat them unkindly; not only refuſing to give them a Dram of their Liquor, but uſe them with ill Language, and call them *Dogs*, &c.

They take this unkindly, becauſe *Dogs* have no Senſe or Underſtanding: Whereas they are Men, and think that their Brothers ſhould not compare them to ſuch Creatures.

That ſome of our Traders calling their Young Men by thoſe Names, the Young Men anſwered, *If they were Dogs, then they might act as ſuch*: Whereupon they ſeiz'd a Cag of Liquor, and run away with it.

N. B. *This ſeems to be told in their artful Way, to excuſe ſome ſmall Robberies that had been committed by their Young People.*

Then laying down a Belt of Wampum *upon the Table, he proceeded and ſaid.*

That all their Diſorders aroſe from the Uſe of *Rum* and Strong Spirits which took away their Senſe and Memory. That they had no ſuch Liquors amongſt themſelves, but were hurt with what we furniſhed to

to them, and therefore desired that no more of that sort might be sent amongst them.

He presented a Bundle of dress'd Skins, and said, That the Five Nations faithfully remember all their Ancient Treaties, and now desire that the Chain of Friendship between Them and Us may be made so strong, as that none of the Links can ever be broken.

Presents another Bundle of raw Skins, and observes, That a Chain may contract Rust with lying, and become weaker: Wherefore he desires it may now be so well cleaned, as to remain brighter and stronger than ever it was before.

Presents another parcel of Skins, and says, That as in the Firmament all Clouds and Darkness are removed from the Face of the Sun; So they desire that all Misunderstandings may be fully done away: So that when they, who are now here, shall be dead and gone, their whole People with their Children and Posterity, may enjoy the clear Sunshine of Friendship with us for ever, without any thing to interpose and obscure it.

Presents another Bundle of Skins, and says, That looking upon the Governor as if *William Penn* was present, they desire, That in Case any Disorders should hereafter happen between their Young People and ours, we would not be too hasty in resenting any such Accident, until their Council and ours can have some Opportunity to treat amicably upon it; and

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ſo to adjuſt all Matters, as that the Friendſhip between us may ſtill be inviolably preſerved.

Preſents a ſmall Parcel of dreſs'd Skins, and deſires, That we may now be together as one People, treating one another's Children kindly and affectionately on all Occaſions.

He proceeds and ſays, That they conſider themſelves in this Treaty as the full Plenipotentiaries and Repreſentatives of the Five Nations, and they look upon the Governor as the Great KING of *England*'s Repreſentative; and therefore they expect, that every thing now ſtipulated will be made abſolutely firm and good on both Sides.

Preſents a Bundle of Bear Skins, and ſays, That having now made a firm League with us, as becomes our Brothers, they complain that they get too little for their Skins and Furrs, ſo as they cannot live by their Hunting; they deſire us therefore to take Compaſſion on them, and contrive ſome Way to help them in that Particular.

Preſenting a few Furrs, he ſpeaks only as from himſelf to acquaint the Governor, That the Five Nations having heard, that the Governor of *Virginia* wanted to ſpeak with them, He himſelf, with ſome of his Company intend to proceed to *Virginia*, but do not know the Way how to get ſafe thither.

At

At a Council held at the Houſe of *John Cartlidge*, Eſq; near *Coneſtogoe*, *July* the 8th, 1721.

PRESENT

The Honourable Sir *William Keith*, Baronet, Governor,

Richard Hill, Eſq; *Jonathan Dickinſon*, Eſq;

Col. *John French*.

James Logan, Eſq; Secretary.

THE Governor deſired, That the Board would adviſe him, as to the Quantity and Kind of the Preſents, that muſt be made to the *Indians* in Return to theirs, and in Confirmation of his Speech to them: Whereupon it was agreed, That Twenty Five Strowd Match Coats of Two Yards each, One Hundred of Gun-Powder, Two Hundred of Lead, with ſome Bisket, Tobacco and Pipes, ſhould be delivered as the Governor's Preſent to the Five Nations. And the ſame being prepared accordingly, the Council was adjourned to *Coneſtogoe*, the Place of Treaty.

At

At a Council held at *Coneſtogoe*, *July* the 8th, 1721. *Poſt Meridiem.*

PRESENT

The Honourable Sir WILLIAM KEITH, *Bart. Governor*,

And the ſame Members as before; with divers Gentlemen attending the Governor; And the Chiefs of the Five Nations, being all ſeated in Council, and the preſents laid down before the *Indians.*

The Governor ſpoke to them by the Interpreters in theſe Words:

My Friends and Brothers,

IT is a great Satisfaction to me, That I have this Opportunity of Speaking to the Valiant and Wiſe Five Nations of *Indians*, whom you tell me you are fully impowered to repreſent.

I treat with you therefore as if all theſe Nations were here preſent; and you are to underſtand what I now ſay to be agreeable to the Mind of our Great Monarch *GEORGE* the King of *England*, who bends his Care to eſtabliſh Peace amongſt all the mighty Nations of *Europe*, unto whom all the People in theſe Parts are as it were but like one Drop out

out of a Bucket. So that what is now tranſacted between us, muſt be laid up as the Words of the whole Body of your People and our People, to be kept in perpetual Remembrance.

I am alſo glad to find, That you remember what *William Penn* formerly ſaid to you. He was a Great and a Good Man: His own People loved him; He loved the *Indians*, and they alſo loved him. He was as their Father; he would never ſuffer them to be wrong'd; neither would he let his People enter upon any Lands until he had firſt Purchaſed them of the *Indians*. He was juſt; and therefore the *Indians* lov'd Him.

Though he is now removed from us; yet his Children and People following his Example, will always take the ſame Meaſures: So that his and our Poſterity will be as a long Chain, of which He was the firſt Link; and when one Link ends, another ſucceeds; and then another; being all firmly bound together in one ſtrong Chain to endure for ever.

He formerly knit the Chain of Friendſhip with you, as the Chief of all the *Indians* in theſe Parts; and leſt this Chain ſhould grow ruſty, you now deſire it may be ſcour'd and made ſtrong to bind us as one People together. We do aſſure you it is, and has always been bright on our Side; and ſo we will ever keep it.

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As to your Complaint of our Traders, That *they have treated ſome of your Young Men unkindly*, I take that to be ſaid only by way of Excuſe for the Follies of your People, thereby endeavouring to perſwade me, that they were provoked to do what you very well know they did: But, as I told our own *Indians* two Days ago, I am willing to paſs by all theſe Things. You may therefore be aſſured, That our People ſhall not offer any Injury to yours; or if I know that they do, they ſhall be ſeverely puniſhed for it: So you muſt in like Manner ſtrictly command your Young Men, that they do not offer any Injury to ours. For when they paſs through the utmoſt Skirts of our Inhabitants, where there are no People yet ſetled but a few Traders, they ſhould be more careful of them, as having ſeparated themſelves from the Body of their Friends, purely to ſerve the *Indians* more commodiouſly with what they want.

Nevertheleſs, if any little Diſorders ſhould at any Time hereafter ariſe, we will endeavour that it ſhall not break or weaken the Chain of Friendſhip between us: To which End, if any of your People take Offence, you muſt in that Caſe apply to me, or to our Chiefs. And when we have any Cauſe to complain, we ſhall, as you deſire, apply to your Chiefs, by our Friends the *Coneſtogoe-Indians*: But on both Sides we muſt labour

to prevent every Thing of this Kind as much as we can.

You complain, *That our Traders come into the Path of your Young Men going out to War, and thereby occaſion Diſorders amongſt them*; I will therefore, *My Friends and Brothers*, ſpeak very plainly to you on this Head.

Your Young Men came down *Saſquehannah* River, and take their Road through our *Indian* Towns and Settlements, and make a Path between us and the People againſt whom they go out to War. Now you muſt know, That the Path this way leads them only to the *Indians* who are in Alliance with the *Engliſh*; and firſt, to thoſe who are in a ſtrict League of Friendſhip with the great Governor of *Virginia*, juſt as theſe our Friends and Children, who are ſetled amongſt us, are in League with me and our People.

You cannot therefore make War upon the *Indians* in League with *Virginia* without weakning the Chain with the *Engliſh*: For as we would not ſuffer theſe our Friends and Brothers of *Coneſtogoe*, and upon this River, to be hurt by any Perſon whatſoever conſidering it as done to our ſelves; ſo the Governor of *Virginia* looks upon the Injuries done to his *Indian* Brothers and Friends, as if they were done to himſelf. And you very well know, that though you are Five different Nations, yet you are but one People: So

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as that any Wrong done to one Nation, is received as an Injury done to you all.

In the ſame Manner, and much more ſo, it is with the *Engliſh*, who are all united under one Great King, who has more People in that one Town where he lives than all the *Indians* in *North America* put together.

You are in a League with *New-York*, as your ancient Friends and neareſt Neighbours; and you are in a League with us by Treaties often repeated, and by a Chain which you have now brighten'd. As therefore all the *Engliſh* are but one People, you are actually in League with all the *Engliſh* Governments and muſt equally preſerve the Peace with all, as with one Government.

You pleaſed me very much, when you told me that you were going to treat with the Governor of *Virginia*. Your Nations formerly entred into a very firm League with that Government; and if you have ſuffered that Chain to grow ruſty it is time to ſcour it: And the Five Nations have done very wiſely to ſend you there for that Purpoſe.

I do aſſure you, the Governor of *Virginia* is a great and a good Man. He loves the *Indians* as his Children, and ſo protects and defends them: For He is very ſtrong, having many Thouſand Chriſtian Warriors under his Command, whereby he is able to aſſiſt

all thoſe who are in any League of Friendſhip with him. Haſten therefore, My Friends to brighten and ſtrengthen the Chain with that Great Man ; For he deſires it, and will receive you kindly. He is my great and good Friend, I have been lately with him ; and ſince you ſay you are Strangers, I will give you a Letter to him, to inform him of what we have done, and of the good Deſign of your Viſit to Him and this Country.

My Friends and Brothers, I told you two Days ago, that we muſt open our Breaſts to each other ; I ſhall therefore, like your true Friend, open mine yet further to you for your Good.

You ſee that the Engliſh, from a very ſmall People at firſt in theſe Parts, are by Peace amongſt themſelves, become a very great People amongſt you, far exceeding the Number of all the *Indians* that we know of.

But while we are at Peace, the *Indians* continue to make War upon one another, and deſtroy each other, as if they intended that none of their People ſhould be left alive ; By which Means you are from a great People, become a very ſmall People ; and yet you will go on to deſtroy your ſelves.

The *Indians* of the South, though they ſpeak a different Language, yet they are the ſame People, and inhabit the ſame Land with thoſe of the North ; We therefore cannot but wonder, how you, that are a wiſe People,

ple, ſhould take delight in putting an end to your Race. The *Engliſh*, being your true Friends, labour to prevent this. We would have you ſtrong as a Part of our ſelves: For as our Strength is your Strength, ſo we would have yours to be as our own.

I have perſwaded all my Brethren in theſe Parts to conſider what is for their Good, and not to go out any more to War; but your Young Men, as they come this way, endeavour to force them. And becauſe they incline to follow the Councils of Peace, and the good Advice of their true Friends, your People uſe them ill, and often prevail with them to go out to their own Deſtruction: Thus it was that this Town of *Coneſtogoe* loſt their good King not long ago, and thus many have been loſt. Their young Children are left without Parents; their Wives without Husbands; the old Men contrary to the Courſe of Nature, mourn the Death of their Young; the People decay and grow weak; we loſe our Dear Friends and are afflicted. And this is chiefly owing to your Young Men.

Surely you cannot propoſe to get either Riches or Poſſeſſions by going thus out to War: For when you kill a Deer, you have the Fleſh to eat, and the Skin to ſell; but when you return from War, you bring nothing Home but the Scalp of a dead Man, who perhaps was Husband to a kind Wife,

and Father to tender Children, who never wronged you; though by losing Him you have robbed them of his Help and Protection, and at the same Time got nothing by it.

If I were not your true Friend, I would not take the Trouble of saying all these things to you, which I desire may be fully related to all your People when you return Home, that they may consider in Time what is for their own Good. And after this, if any will be so madly deaf and blind, as neither to hear nor see the Danger before them, but will still go out to destroy and be destroyed for nothing, I must desire, That such foolish young Men will take another Path, and not pass this Way amongst our People, whose Eyes I have opened, and they have wisely hearkened to my Advice. So that I must tell you plainly, As I am their best Friend, and this Government is their Protector, and as a Father to them, we will not suffer them any more to go out, as they have done, to their Destruction. I say again, we will not suffer it; for we have the Council of Wisdom amongst us, and know what is for their Good. For though they are weak, yet they are our Brethren: We will therefore take Care of them, that they be not misled with ill Counsel. You mourn when you lose a Brother, we mourn when any of them are lost; To prevent which, they shall not be suffered to

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go out, as they have done, to be deſtroyed by War.

My good Friends and Brothers, I give you the ſame Counſel, and earneſtly deſire that you will follow it, ſince it will make you a happy People. I give you this Advice becauſe I am your true Friend, but I much fear you hearken to others, who never were, nor never will be your Friends.

You know very well, that the *French* have been your Enemies from the Beginning; and though they made Peace with you about 22 Years ago, yet by ſubtil Practices they ſtill endeavour to enſnare you. They uſe Arts and Tricks, and tell you Lies to deceive you; And if you would make Uſe of your own Eyes, and not be deluded by their *Jeſuites* and *Interpreters*, you would ſee this your ſelves: For you know they have had no Goods of any Value theſe ſeveral Years paſt, except what has been ſent to them from the *Engliſh* of *New-York*, and that is now all over. They give fair Speeches inſtead of real Services; and as for many Years they attempted to deſtroy you in War, ſo they now endeavour to do it in Peace: For when they perſwade you to go out to War againſt others, it is only that you may be deſtroyed your ſelves, which we, as your true Friends, labour to prevent, becauſe we would have your Numbers increaſe, that you may grow

ſtrong, and that we may be all ſtrengthned in Friendſhip and Peace together.

As to what you have ſaid of Trade, I ſuppoſe, the great Diſtance at which you live from us, has prevented all Commerce between us and your People. We believe, thoſe who go into the Woods, and ſpend all their Time upon it, endeavour to make the beſt Bargains they can for themſelves. So on your Part, you muſt take Care to make the beſt Bargain you can with them. But we hope our Traders do not exact; for we think that a *Strowd Coat*, or *a Pound of Powder* is now ſold for no more *Buck-Skins* than formerly. *Bever* indeed is not of late ſo much uſed in *Europe*, and therefore does not give ſo good a Price, and we deal but very little in that Commodity. But *Deer-Skins* ſell very well amongſt us, and I ſhall always take Care that the *Indians* be not wrong'd. But except other Meaſures be taken to regulate the *Indian*-Trade every where, the common Methods uſed in Trade will ſtill be followed, and every Man muſt take Care of himſelf; for thus I muſt do my ſelf, when I buy any Thing from our own People, if I do not give them their Price, they will keep it; for we are a free People. But if you have any further Propoſals to make about theſe Affairs, I'm willing to hear and conſider them; for 'tis my Deſire that the Trade be well regulated to your Content.

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I am ſenſible *Rum* is very hurtful to the *Indians*; we have made Laws that none ſhould be carried amongſt them, or if any were, that it ſhould be ſtaved and thrown upon the Ground, and the *Indians* have been ordered to deſtroy all the *Rum* that comes in their way; but they will not do it, they will have *Rum*, and when we refuſe it, they will travel to the Neighbouring Provinces and fetch it. Their own Women go to purchaſe it, and then ſell it amongſt their own People at exceſſive Rates. I would gladly make any Laws to prevent this that could be effectual; but the Country is ſo wide, the Woods are ſo dark and private, and ſo far out of my Sight, that if the *Indians* themſelves do not prohibit their own People, there is no other way to prevent it: For my Part, I ſhall readily joyn in any Meaſures that can be propoſed for ſo good a Purpoſe.

I have now, *My Friends and Brothers*, ſaid all that I think can be of Service at this Time, and I give you theſe Things here laid before you to confirm my Words, *viz. Five Strowd Coats, Twenty Pound of Powder*, and *Forty Pound of Lead* for each of the Five Nations; thatis, *Twenty Five Coats, one Hundred Weight of Powder*, and *Two Hundred of Lead* in the Whole, which I deſire may be delivered to them with theſe my Words, in my Name, and on Behalf of this Province.

I ſhall

I ſhall be glad frequently to ſee ſome of your Chief Men, ſent in the Name of all the reſt; but deſire you will be ſo kind as to come to us at *Philadelphia*, to viſit our Families and our Children born there, where we can provide better for you, and make you more Welcome: For People always receive their Friends beſt at their own Houſes. I heartily wiſh you well on your Journey, and good Succeſs in it. And when you return Home, I deſire you will give my very kind Love, and the Love of all our People, toyour Kings, and to all their People.

Then the Governor roſe up from his Chair; And when he had called Gheſaont, *the Speaker, to him, He took a Coronation Medal of the King's out of his Pocket, and preſented it to the* Indian *in theſe Words.*

That our Children, when we are dead, may not forget theſe Things, but keep this Treaty between us in perpetual Remembrance. I here deliver to you a Picture in Gold, bearing the Image of my Great Maſter, the King of all the *Engliſh*; and when you return Home, I charge you to deliver this Piece into the Hands of the firſt Man, or greateſt Chief of all the Five Nations, whom you call *Kennygooah*, to be laid up and kept as

as a Token to our Children's Children, that an entire and lasting Friendship is now established for ever, between the *English* in this Country, and the Great Five Nations.

Extracted per Geo. Barclay, *Cler. Conc.*

A

TREATY

OF

Peace and Friendſhip

Made and Concluded between His Excellency

Sir WILLIAM KEITH, Bart.

Governor of the Province of

Pennſylvania.

For and on Behalf of the ſaid Province

AND THE

Chiefs of the *Indians* of the Five Nations,

At *ALBANY*, in the Month of *September*, 1722.

Septem. 27, 1722.

THE *Honourable Sir* William Keith, *Bart. Governor of the Province of* Pennſylvania, &c. *having, upon the Report that an* Indian *of the* Five Nations *had loſt his Life by Means of ſome Traders of this Province, ſent two Members of Council, in* March *laſt, to* Coneſtogoe, *to enquire into the Fact. Thoſe Members, in Purſuance of the Governor's Orders, diſpatched an* Indian *called* Satcheecoe, *one of the* Cayoogoes, *to the Chief of the* Sinnekaes, *to acquaint him with the Care the Governor had already taken in that Affair, and would further, take, to puniſh the Offenders. In Anſwer, the ſaid Chief, by the ſame Meſſenger, deſired to ſee our Governor in their Country.*

The Governor hereupon ſent back the ſame Indian *with ſome Preſents, to inform the Chiefs of the* Sinnekaes, *and others of the Five Nations,* That Col. *Spotſwood,* Governor of *Virginia,* deſigning with Col. *Burnet,* Governor of *New-York,* to meet their Chiefs this Summer at *Albany,* He would take that Opportunity to ſee them in the ſame Company.

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The Time approaching that the Governors had appointed to meet the Indians, *the Aſſembly of this Province, by whoſe advice the Governor had engaged to the* Indians *to viſit them, were called together to provide for the Charge. The Subject of the intended Treaty, The Value of the Preſents to be made, and Members of Council to accompany the Governor,* viz. Richard Hill, Iſaac Norris, *and* Andrew Hamilton, *Eſqrs; were agreed on by the Governor, Council and Aſſembly, and Sums of Money to defray the Charges were voted.*

The Governor ſet out from Philadelphia *the* 8th *Day of* Auguſt, *taking Col.* John French, *another Member of Council, with him, whom by his Letter he had called, on Behalf of the Counties on* Delaware, *to aſſiſt at the intended Treaty. The other Members followed a few Days after. On the* 17th *Day the Three Governors, with their reſpective Companies, ſet Sail in ſeveral Sloops from* New-York *up* Hudſon's *River. On the* 20th *they arrived at* Albany, *where ſome of the* Indians *were already arrived, and others daily followed.*

The Governor of New-York *ſpoke firſt to the* Indians; *the Governor of* Virginia *treated next with them: But* Conniſooa *and* Cajenquarahto, *the Two Chiefs of the* Sinnekaes, *with whom the Buſineſs of* Pennſylvania *principally lay, having delayed their Coming, Sir* William Keith *our Governor deferred his Treaty the longer.*

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On the 7th *of* September *our Governor ſpoke to them, and the ſame Day the Two* Sinneka *Chiefs arrived. Immediately after their Arrival they waited on our Governor at his Chamber, and laid an Otter-Skin at his Feet.* Conniſooa *ſhew'd the Golden Medal ſent him laſt Summer by our Governor from* Coneſtogoe, *being hung at his Neck.* Cajenquarahto *alſo produced the Mourning Ring the Governor had ſent laſt Spring by* Satcheechoe, *with the other Preſents.*

The Governor's Speech was in the following Words, Interpreted by James le Tort, *and an* Indian *from* Saſquehannah *call'd* Capt. Smith, *whom the Governor took with him, together with* Satcheechoe, *the Meſſenger, who had been twice ſent to the* Five Nations.

The Honourable Sir William Keith, *Baronet, Governor of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *and Counties of* Newcaſtle, Kent *and* Suſſex *upon* Delaware, *His Speech to the Five Nations of* Indians *at* Albany, *the* 7th *Day of* September, 1722.

BRETHREN,

I Have travel'd a great Way to ſee you, and to hold ſome Diſcourſe with you. The People of *Pennſylvania* have always been Friends to the *Five Nations*: They have punctually

punctually kept all their former Treaties with you. They expect, that you do not forget them, and therefore I am come to brighten the Chain between us. You sent me Word, that you desired to see me, and I have obtained Leave of my Brother, the Governor of *New-York*, to renew at this Place our former Treaties with you; and I am glad he is present with us, to hear and observe all that is spoken.

Some of your ancient Men can yet remember the first Settlement of the Province of *Pennsylvania* by *William Penn*: He was a good Man, and had a great Affection for all the *Indians*: He entred into Leagues of Friendship with them, and treated them as his Brethren; and he gave it in Charge to his Governors, whom he left in his Place, and to all his People, that they should continue to do the same.

Divers Great Men from the *Five Nations* have, on several Occasions, visited us at *Philadelphia* and *Conestogoe*. We were always glad to see them, and treated them kindly like Brethren. They made firm Leagues of Friendship with us, and frequently renew'd and strengthned them. We became as one People, and hope always to continue so; and as often as the *Five Nations* renew'd their Leagues with our great and good Friends the Governors of *New-York*, it still united them more nearly to us, as being Subjects of one and the same Great KING.

Last

Laſt Summer the wiſe and Good Man *Geſaont*, with ſome others of your People, came, in the Name of all the *Five Nations*, to viſit us at *Coneſtogoe*. We received them with Joy, and opened our Hearts to each other. He rejoyced to ſee us and our *Indians* live in ſo much Love together. We then brightned the Chain, that it might be clear, ſtrong and laſting as the Sun and Stars. But when we heard that *Geſaont* died in *Virginia*, we were very ſorry; yet I hope the *Five Nations* received my Words of Love and Friendſhip to their *Sachims*, and to all their People, with the Golden Medal and the Preſents then delivered.

It was then ſtipulated and agreed between us, That we ſhould all be as one People; That the *Five Nations* ſhould not do any Injury to any of us more than to themſelves; and that we ſhould not do any Injury to any of the *Five Nations* more than to our own People: Or, if any Perſon did ſuch Injury, they ſhould be puniſhed for it in the ſame Manner, as if done to an *Engliſhman*.

Since that Time a very unhappy Accident has fallen out, which gave us great Grief: Laſt Winter we heard, that one of the *Five Nations* had loſt his Life by Means of ſome of our People.

The very next Day after the News came to me at *Philadelphia*, I ſent two of my Council to *Coneſtogoe*, to enquire into the matter

and bring me the Truth. They found that the Quarrel aroſe about *Rum* between a Brother of the *Five Nations*, who hunted near *Potomack*, and two of our Traders.

The *Indian* was angry, and went haſtily and took his Gun to kill the *Engliſhmen*; they, in Defence of themſelves Seiz'd the *Indian*, and in Strugling gave him ſome Blows, and left him. We heard, that our *Indian* Friend and Brother died the next Day.

The Men who did this were brought to *Philadelphia* and put in Priſon; and they will be tried according to our Laws, in the ſame Manner as if they had kill'd an *Engliſhman*. And to prevent ſuch Miſchief for the Future, we have made a ſevere Law againſt ſelling *Rum* to the *Indians*.

Though this Misfortune gave us great Grief, yet we are perſwaded that the Chief *Sachims* of the *Five Nations* are ſo wiſe as to know, that ſuch Accidents may happen without any ill Deſign amongſt the neareſt Brethren. And by this they will ſee, how ſtrictly we keep our League and Treaties, in puniſhing thoſe who ſhall dare to offend and injure them, or any of their People.

I made haſte to ſend a Meſſage to the *Five Nations* by *Satcheecho* to expreſs our Sorrow, and I received their kind Anſwer by the Return of the ſame Meſſenger. You received our Meſſage like true Brethren, deſiring us, to wipe away our Tears, and invited me to come

come and see you. Immediately I sent *Satcheecho* back with this Answer, *That I would meet you at* Albany, *with my good Friends the Governors of* New-York *and* Virginia; and I sent some Tokens to your *Sachims*, which I hope they received, with a Mourning Gold Ring off my own Finger to *Sakaunkauta*.

Satcheecho returned speedily, and said, *You would be glad to see me at* Albany: He also told me, You desired *John Cartlidge* might be released out of Prison, and the Injury done to your Kinsman might be forgot. *Satcheecho* brought no Belt, nor any other Token to confirm his Words; and therefore I have brought him along with me, that you may know and tell me if he spoke Truth.

Brethren,

You see I am come here with Four of my Council to visit you. I have left my Family and People, and have travel'd a great Way to take you by the Hand, to join Hearts, and to rejoyce in seeing each other's Faces: For all Clouds and Darkness must be done away, that the Flame of Love and Affection may burn clear in our Breasts.

I have brought these Goods with me to bind my Words, *viz. Five Pieces of Strouds* for Cloathing, *Five Casks of Powder*, and *Five Hundred Weight of Lead* to encourage your Hunting, that you may grow rich and strong. And I desire you may receive them as a Pledge

of our firm Reſolutions to live in perpetual Peace, and under the ſtrongeſt Ties of Friendſhip with the *Five Nations*; that you will ever remember us as your Brethren, and not ſuffer your young Men, when they travel, to hurt any of our Inhabitants, no more than they would their own, or to kill their Cattle and Stock: And that this viſit and the Covenant-Chain which is hereby brightned, may be recorded in everlaſting Remembrance, to be ſent down to your and our Children, and to our Children's Children, to laſt as long as the Mountains and Rivers, and the Sun and Moon ſhall endure.

I alſo give you theſe two Pieces of *Blankets*, to wipe away, and to dry up the Blood that has been ſpilt, and to cover it ſo as that it may never be ſeen or heard of any more.

I live at a great Diſtance from the Brethren, and perhaps may never ſee ſo many of your grave ancient Men together again; I will therefore like a true Brother, leave with you my beſt Advice for the Happineſs and Welfare of all your People: And as oft as you look upon theſe two Belts remember, that *This One ſignifies the Strength which a wiſe Nation acquires and ſecures to its People by peaceable Councils, and encreaſing the Number of its Friends*: And this other Belt repreſents to you *A bold, firm, true Heart, that abhors Falſhood, but is ever faithful to its Friends, and punctually obſerves whatſoever it promiſes.*

Two Belts laid down.

The Anſwer made by the Indians *of the Five Nations*, viz. *The* Maquaſe, Oenydes, Onnondages, Cayouges *and* Sinnekaes, *to the Propoſitions made by the Honourable Sir* William Keith, *Bart. Governor of* Pennſylvania, *&c. in* Albany, *the* 10th, *Day of* September Anno 1722.

PRESENT

The Honourable Sir *WILLIAM KEITH* Baronet, Governor of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

Richard Hill,
Iſaac Norris,
Col. *John French*
Andrew Hamilton,
} Eſqrs. Members of the Council of *Pennſylvania*.

Col. *Peter Schuyler*,
Peter Van Brugh,
John Cuyler,
Hend Hanſe,
Evert Banker,
Philip Livingſton,
Joh. Bleecher,
John Collins,
} Eſqrs. Commiſſioners of the *Indian* Affairs.

Interpreted

Interpreted by Laurence Claeſe *into* Dutch, *and rendered into* Engliſh *by* Robert Livingſton ; Tanachaha *being Speaker.*

Brother *ONAS* ;

[*which ſignifies a* Pen *in the Language of the* Five Nations, *by which Name they call the Governors of* Pennſylvania, *ſince it was firſt ſetled by* William Penn.]

" I. YOU told us in your Propoſition
" ſome Days ago, That you was come
" a great Way to ſee us of the *Five Nations* ;
" We thank you for your Good Will to us, and
" are very glad to ſee you here in good Health:
" And we hope a good Underſtanding and
" Agreement will be made and concluded be-
" tween us.

" You told us alſo, That you are come to re-
" new the Covenant-Chain that has been made
" between us ſo long ago, even at the firſt
" Setling the Province of *Pennſylvania*, and to
" brighten the Chain, and to remove and do
" away any Spot of Ruſt that may be grown
" upon it ſince our laſt Meeting and Confer-
" ence at *Coeſtogoe*.

Brother

Brother ONAS,

" II. You have told us, That at that " Time you brighten'd the Covenant-Chain " between us, that it might be clear and " laſting as the Sun and Stars in Heaven : " For which we thank you. And we being " now all preſent, do, in the moſt ſolemn and " publick Manner, renew the Covenant and " brighten the Chain made between us, that " the Luſtre thereof may never be obſcured " by any Clouds or Darkneſs ; but may " ſhine as clear and laſt as long as the Sun " in the Firmament.

Brother Onas,

" III. You have likewiſe told us, How " *William Penn*, who was a good Man, did, at " his firſt Settlement of the Province of " *Pennſylvania*, make Leagues of Friendſhip " with the *Indians*, and treated them like " Brethren ; and that, like the ſame good " Man, he left it in Charge to all his Gover- " nors who ſhould ſucceed him, and to all " the People of *Pennſylvania* that they ſhould " always keep the Covenant and Treaties he " had made with the *Five Nations*, and " treat them with Love and Kindneſs. We " acknowledge that His Governors and " People have always kept the ſame honeſt- " ly and truly to this Day : So we on our " Part always have kept, and for ever ſhall " keep, firm Peace and Friendſhip, with a " good Heart, to all the People of *Pennſyl-* " *vania*. We thankfully receive and approve

" of all the Articles in your Propoſition to
" us, and acknowledge them to be good and
" full of Love: We receive and approve of
" the ſame with our whole Hearts, becauſe
" we are not only made one People by the
" Covenant-Chain, but we alſo are one People
" united in One Head, One Body, and One
" Heart, by the ſtrongeſt Ties of Love and
" Friendſhip.

Brother Onas,

" IV. You deſire there may be a perpe-
" tual Peace and Friendſhip between you and
" the *Five Nations*, and between your Chil-
" dren and our Children, and that the ſame
" may be kept as long as the Mountains
" and Rivers endure. All which we like well,
" and on our Part deſire, that the Cove-
" nant and Union made with a clean and true
" Heart, between you and us, may laſt as
" long as the Sun and Moon ſhall continue
" to give Light. And we will deliver this
" in Charge to our Children, that it may
" be kept in Remembrance with their Chil-
" dren, and Children's Children to the lateſt
" Ages. And we deſire, That the Peace and
" Tranquillity that is now eſtabliſhed between
" us, may be as clear as the Sun ſhining in
" its Luſtre, without any Cloud or Dark-
" neſs, and that the ſame may continue for
" ever.

Brother Onas,

" V. We have well conſider'd all that you

" ha ve

" have ſpoken, and like it well, becauſe it is
" only the Renewing of former Leagues and
" Treaties, made between the Government
" of *Pennſylvania* and Us of the *Five Nations*;
" which we always believed we were o-
" bliged to keep. And as to the Accident
" of one of our Friends being kill'd by ſome
" of your People, which has happen'd by
" Misfortune and againſt your Will, we ſay,
" That as we are all in Peace, we think it
" hard the Perſons who kill'd our Friend
" and Brother ſhould ſuffer: And we do, in
" the Name of all the *Five Nations*, forgive
" the Offence, and deſire you will likewiſe
" forgive it; and that the Men who did it
" may be releaſed from Priſon, and ſet at
" Liberty to go whither they pleaſe. And
" we ſhall eſteem that as a Mark of Regard
" and Friendſhip for the *Five Nations*, and
" as a farther Confirmation of this Trea-
" ty.

Brother Onas,

" VI. We ſay farther, We are glad to
" hear the former Treaties we have made
" with *William Penn* repeated to us again,
" and renewed by you; and we eſteem and
" love you, as if you were *William Penn*
" Himſelf. We are glad you have wip'd a-
" way and cover'd the Blood of our dead
" Friend and Brother; and we deſire the
" ſame may be forgot, ſo as it may never be
" more mentioned or remembred.

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" It is needleſs for us to anſwer every Par-
" ticular of your Propoſition, becauſe we
" acknowledge the Whole to be good and
" acceptable to us ; eſpecially your good
" Advice, which we will always remember :
" And in Teſtimony thereof, and as a full
" Confirmation of our Agreement, Conſent
" and Approbation of all that you have pro-
" poſed, and we have here ſaid and promiſ-
" ed, we lay down a few Beaver, Bear
" and dreſs'd Deer Skins ; *And ſo conclu-
ded.*

Then the Governor expreſs'd his Satisfaction with their Anſwer ; and gave them Thanks for their Good Will and Love to Him, and the People of *Pennſylvania.*

The *Indians* then deſired to know of the Governor, *If the Men who were in Priſon for Killing their Friend and Brother were diſcharged* ? To which the Governor anſwered, That " they were let out upon Bail. They then deſired, That *the Men might be diſcharged* : To which the Governor anſwered, That " as ſoon as he returned to " *Philadelphia*, he would give ſuch Orders " in that Affair, as ſhould fully Anſwer " the Requeſt of the *Five Nations*, in Or-
" der to confirm the Friendſhip that is ſo
" happily renewed and eſtabliſhed by this
" Treaty.

A true

A true Copy, Examined by
PHILIP LIVINGSTON,
Secre. for the Indian-*Affairs.*

The Chiefs of the *Indians* expreſs'd a great Affection for the Governor and the People of *Pennſylvania*. And it appeared that *Satcheechoe* had faithfully diſcharged his Truſt in both the Meſſages ſent by him.

When our Interpreters were coming away the Chiefs informed them, That they had ſomething further to ſay to the Governor; upon which they were detained. The next Day, the 14th of *September*, the Governor received at his Chamber the Ten Chiefs of the *Five Nations*, being Two from each; together with Two others, ſaid to be of the *Tuſcororoes*: And by the Interpretation of *Lawrence Claeſe*, Publick Interpreter for the *Indians*, in the Preſence of *Philip Livingſton*, Secretary for *Indian* Affairs at *Albany*, both whom our Governor deſired to be preſent, they ſpoke as follows:

Brother Onas,

WE here now freely ſurrender to you all thoſe Lands about Coneſtogoe, *which the* Five Nations *have claimed*: *And it is our Deſire that the ſame may be ſetled with* Chriſtians; *in Token whereof we give this String of Wampum.*

Brother Onas, *According to the beſt of our Underſtanding,*

Understanding, we have renew'd at this Time with you all former Treaties between your People and us; we therefore expect, that if any of our People come to Trade at Philadelphia, *you will order that they be received like Brethren, and have the Goods as cheap as possible. So we wish you all Prosperity and a good Journey Home.*

Now we are going to depart from one another, we your Brethren, the Sachims *of the* Five Nations, *desire that you would give us some Provisions, to help us on our Journey.* On which they gave Two small Bundles of Beaver and dress'd Skins.

Sir William Keith's *Answer.*

Brethren,

YOU know very well, that the Lands about *Conestogoe*, upon the River *Susquehannah*, belong to your old Friend and kind Brother *William Penn*; nevertheless I do here, in his Name, kindly accept of the Offer and Surrender which you have now made to me, because it will put an End to all other Claims and Disputes, if any should be made hereafter.

Brethren, I understand, as you do, that we here at this Time renew'd all former Treaties between the *Five Nations* and *Pennsylvania*; and considering how well you are provided

provided with Goods at *Albany*, I think *Philadelphia* will be far out of your Way to Trade; but as often as any of your People come to us in Love and Friendſhip, they ſhall be treated like Brethren.

I am not able to provide for you here as if I were at Home; but I will order ſome Bread to be got for your particular Uſe: And I heartily wiſh you well Home to your own Families.

A TRUE

A TRUE

ACCOUNT

Of the Dying Words of

OCKANICHON

AN INDIAN

KING.

Spoken to

JAHKURSOE.

WHOM

He appointed KING after Him? Spoken in the Presence of several, who were Eye and Ear Witnesses to the Truth thereof.

IT was my desire that *My Brother's Son*, *Jahkursoe* should be sent for to come to me to hear my *last Words*, whom I have appointed KING after me. *My Brother's Son*, This day I deliver my Heart into thy Bosom, and would have thee love that which is *Good*, and

and to keep *Good Company*, and to refuſe that which is *Evil*; and to avoid *bad Company*. Now inaſmuch as I have delivered my Heart into thy Boſom, I alſo deliver my Boſom to keep my Heart therein; therefore always be ſure to walk in a *Good Path*; and never depart out of it. And if any *Indians* ſhould ſpeak any evil of *Indians* or *Chriſtians*, do not join with it, but look to that which is *Good*, and join with the ſame always. Look at the Sun from the Riſing of it to the Setting of the ſame. In Speeches that ſhall be made between the *Indians* and the *Chriſtians*, if any thing be ſpoke that is Evil, do not join with that, but join with that which is Good; and when Speeches are made, do not thou ſpeak firſt, but let all ſpeak before thee, and take good notice what each Man ſpeaks, and when thou haſt heard all, join to that which is Good. *Brother*'s *Son*, I would have thee to *cleanſe* thy *Ears*, and take all *Darkneſs* and *Foulneſs* out, that thou mayſt take notice of that which is *Good* and *Evil*, and then to join with that which is *Good*, and refuſe the *Evil*; and alſo to cleanſe thy *Eyes* that thou mayſt ſee both *Good* and *Evil*: and if thou ſee any *Evil*, do not join with it, but join to that which is *Good*. *Brother*'s *Son*, Thou haſt heard all that is paſt: now I would have thee to ſtand up in time of Speeches, and to ſtand in my Steps, and follow my Speeches as I have ſaid before thee, then what thou doſt deſire in Reaſon will be granted thee: Why ſhould thou

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not follow my Example, inasmuch as I have had a mind to do that which is *Good*, and therefore do thou also the same. Whereas *Sehoppy* and and *Swanpis* were appointed Kings by me in my stead, and I understanding by my Doctor that *Sehoppy* secretly advised him not to Cure me, and they both being with me at *John Hollingsheads* House, there I my self see by them, that they were given more to *Drink* than to take notice of my *Last Words*, for I had a mind to make a Speech to them, and to my *Brethren* the *English Commissioners*, therefore I refused them to be Kings after me in my stead, and have chosen my Brother's Son *Jahkursoe* in their stead to succeed me.

Brother's Son,

I desire thee to be plain and fair with all, both *Indians* and *Christians*, as I have been, I am very weak, otherwise I would have spoken more; and in Testimony of the *Truth* of this, I have hereunto set my Hand in the presence of us.

Witnesses Present.

Five *Christians*, and Five *Indians*, whose Marks are in the Original.

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